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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed herein on September 21, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

In the claims:

Please enter claim 18 to read as follows:

18. (Amended) A method to produce an animal feed containing a microbial phytase comprising:

- a) preparing a plant cell, plant part or plant that contains a recombinant expression system comprising a phytase-encoding nucleic acid sequence having a nucleotide sequence selected from
 - i) SEQ ID NO:1, and
 - ii) SEQ ID NO:1, wherein T can also be U;

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

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